



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor & Industries

Subject of possible rule making: Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners and Physicians' Assistants

Amended sections: WAC 296-14-400, WAC 296-20-01002, WAC 296-20-01501, WAC 296-20-06101, and WAC 296-23-240

New sections: WAC 296-20-01502 and WAC 296-23-241

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: SHB 1691 (Chapter 65, Laws of 2004) and SB 6356 (Chapter 163, Laws of 2004).

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: In response to SHB 1691 (chapter 65, Laws of 2004) this rulemaking will lay out the expanded duties that an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) can now perform under Title 51 RCW. In response to SB 6356 (chapter 163, Laws of 2004) this rulemaking will also define what a "simple industrial injury" is in order to explain when a physicians' assistant (PA) may have sole signature on the report of accident or physician's initial report.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: Washington workers' compensation benefits as well as the benefits paid to victims of crimes are both governed by Title 51 RCW, Washington's Industrial Insurance Act. There are no other state or federal agencies responsible for interpreting and enforcing the provisions of this Act.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe)

Parties interested in participating in the development of these rules may contact the person listed below. The public may also participate by providing written comments during the comment period or giving oral testimony at public hearings.

The rule will be developed in consultation with major stakeholders and following interested parties:

Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee

ARNP United

Washington State Medical Association (who represents the Physicians' Assistants)

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

Interested persons may participate by contacting Jami Lifka by:

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